

23 August 1950

Rear Admiral T. R. Cooley, USN
Acting President
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Cooley:

On 19 August 1950 the Director of Central Intelligence, Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter, wrote to you indicating that he had designated me to make the presentation at the Naval War College on Friday morning, 1 September 1950 which he had hoped to be in a position to undertake until circumstances prevented him from doing so.

Men of greatness have such humility and thus I feel that Admiral Hillenkoetter was too flattering in his remarks about me. I guarantee, however, that I will do my best to present a picture of our Agency responsibilities and operating problems which may prove not only of interest but of benefit to the members of the Naval War College.

In accordance with his request, I am sending direct to Captain Felt a background statement and very brief outline of my presentation. I will also indicate to Captain Felt the time of my arrival and departure.

I look forward to meeting you, the members of your staff, and the students of the Naval War College on Friday, 1 September 1950.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

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